

The committee on the nomination of officers brought in the following report :—

President—George Dickson, M.A.

Vice-President—J. H. Smith, P. S. I.

Treasurer—W. C. Martin.

Secretary—W. E. Norton.

Executive Committee—A. Macallum, M.A.,
A. W. Falconer, William Stewart.

The report was adopted.

Mr. W. H. Ballard, M.A., then took up the subject of Mental Arithmetic, and occupied the remainder of the afternoon in dealing with short and concise methods of solving difficult problems in arithmetic, which proved very interesting.

The evening Session consisted of a musical and elocutionary entertainment, in the latter of which Mr. Lewis, of Toronto, took prominent part.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Mr. Richard Lewis, Head Teacher of the Dufferin School, Toronto, introduced the subject of "How to Teach Reading." He first treated of the objects to be aimed at in teaching reading, and held the opinion that if this subject were properly taught, public readings would in the course of time take the place of the theatre in public entertainments. He then spoke at some length upon the present system of teaching reading in our Public Schools, and condemned it in almost unqualified terms as being clumsy and illogical. He next took up the phonic system of teaching and distinguished it from the phonetic method, of which he does not approve. He explained the phonic method as used in many of the leading schools in the States, and recommended it as the best for cultivating the voice and making good readers. He treated the subject in a very able manner, and showed the great importance of distinct utterance of the vowels and the final consonants, and dwelt at some length upon inflection, pitch and tone. Some fine illustrations of the different tones to be used in elocutionary reading were rendered in good style. A very interesting and instructive part of his address was his rendering of "Mark Antony's Oration" interspersed with

explanations of the different tones and inflections used in the selection.

Mr. Smith, I. P. S., moved, seconded by Mr. Sheppard, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Lewis for his very able and instructive address. Carried.

Mr. Smith brought forward the claims of the CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY, and urged upon all to assist in increasing its circulation.

Moved by Mr. Shank, seconded by Mr. R. McQueen, that the Committee appointed yesterday to revise the regulations regarding the Library, be authorized to make such regulations as they may see fit for the distribution of the books. Carried.

The Association then adjourned.

THE COUNTY OF ONTARIO TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION held its half-yearly meeting at Port Perry, on Friday and Saturday, May 16th and 17th.

The President, Mr. Jas. McBrien, P. S. Inspector, occupied the chair. Mr. H. S. Clerke was introduced and read an excellent essay on "How to teach Reading and Spelling to beginners."

Mr. D. Jennings followed with an instructive paper on the "Teaching of Geography." Short addresses on English Literature were given by Messrs. Pedley, Robinson, Magee and Tamblin.

On Saturday "Solutions to Arithmetical Problems for Second and Third Class Certificates" were given by Mr. J. J. Magee, B.A. Mr. Jas. Hughes, P. S. Inspector, Toronto, gave a lengthy address on "Mistakes in Teaching." "Factoring" was fully exemplified by Mr. Jas. McKenzie. The "Question Drawer," conducted by Mr. W. W. Tamblin, M.A., closed the proceedings. On Friday evening Mr. Hughes lectured on the Kindergarten. Both of his addresses were well received.

The next meeting is to be held in Uxbridge, about the middle of October, when another successful convention is expected.

JAS. BROWN,
Sec.-Treasurer.